

To: Federal Communications Commission

In the "good old days" communities like Ann Arbor had radio stations that broadcast local shows and news, now we have around six Clear Channel Stations and I only listen to NPR!

In the television arena it appears to be even worse. Sinclair Broadcasting reaches around 25% of the U. S. audience!!!! Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to FORCE their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get someone DICTATING what is broadcast! Without freedom of the air waves democracy will not survive. It is important that we see real people from our own communities and objective and substantive news about issues that matter. At age 64, this retired reference librarian is actually wondering if she might at some time move out of the U.S. All that I hold most dear is being trashed!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.